Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 26 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 27 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 25 Jan 2023 at 14:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a decent day on Thursday then rather changeable but lower for timing of these changes.

Headline for Thursday 26 Jan 2023: A dry day with long spells of sunshine and just some patchy cloud. A colder day though.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 26 Jan 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 26 Jan 2023

Weather: Dry with broken cloud in early hours the cloud becoming patchy and mostly dispersing by morning. Then long spells of unbroken sunshine through the day for most, and just a few patches of broken cloud, most likely around Ben Nevis.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% or more

Low Cloud and visibility: Little if any low cloud for most by day, perhaps the odd bank around 1000-1200m over the Nevis Range. Visibility otherwise very good.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/25 N	15/19 N	18/24 N	18/24 N	13/17 NE	8/11 N	5/7 NE	5/6 S	8/11 S
900	10/14 NW	9/12 N	13/18 N	13/19 N	8/13 N	6/9 N	4/6 NE	4/6 S	8/11 SW
600	11/14 W	8/11 NW	10/15 N	11/15 N	6/10 N	4/7 N	3/4 S	3/5 SW	7/10 SW
300	7/10 NW	4/8 N	8/12 N	6/9 N	4/6 N	3/5 N	2/4 NE	2/3 SE	4/6 S
Glen	6/11 NW	7/11 NW	5/10 N	3/7 N	1/3 W	1/3 NW	2/3 NW	1/3 S	2/4 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-9	-4/-8	-4/-8	-4/-7	-5/-10
900	-0/-4	-1/-5	-2/-7	-2/-7	-1/-5	-1/-4	-2/-5	-5/-8	-3/-8
600	2/-2	1/-2	1/-3	1/-3	1/-2	2/-1	1/-0	0/-1	-0/-4
300	4/1	3/1	3/-1	2/-1	4/2	4/3	3/2	3/1	2/-0
Glen	5/3	4/2	3/1	3/2	5/4	5/4	4/2	1/0	1/-0
Freezing Level*	900m	800m	600m	600m	600m	700m	600m	600m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A colder day, note the low feels like temperatures. Glare from the snowpack in sunshine.

Forecast for Friday 27 Jan 2023

Weather: A dry bright morning and early afternoon for most with some sunny periods, though cloud increasing across Mull and Lochaber by midday, this extending into Argyll and the Trossachs by mid afternoon with some hill fog developing. Generally overcast in the evening with some initially light rain and drizzle developing, starting off as freezing rain ,sleet or snow flurries above 900m. The rain a little heavier by late evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 5-10mph increasing 15mph later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% falling 70% by midday and 20% by dusk, chances reducing quicker further to the northwest.

Low Cloud and visibility: Little cloud at first but layered cloud arriving at 600-900m from the northwest this lowering to 450m in places by evening. Visibility initially very good, but deteriorating as rain and drizzle develops later, and of course very poor in the cloud-induced hill fog.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising to Plus 6 in the afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising Plus 3 in the evening.
Freezing level: 600m rising 900m in the afternoon and just above summits in the evening.

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